DTC service from Kondly Gharoli Complex to Central Secretariat etc.

1321. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no DTC bus service from Kondly Gharoli DDA Complex to Central Secretariat and Connaught Place;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Kondly Gharoli Complex is likely to be directly linked with Central Secretariat and Connaught Place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This is a new Colony which has come up in the Union Territory of Delhi and DTC with its limited fleet is not in a position to provide any bus service. It is not possible to indicate any date by which a bus service could be provided to Kondly Gharoli Complex.

Alleged phone tapping in Karnataka

1322. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI SOMPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Chief Minister has agreed to CBI inquiry into phone tapping scandal; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that MPs' phones were reportedly tapped by Karnataka administration; and

(c) whether Government propose to probe the scandal by the Joint Committee of MPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(b) Government have no such information. In terms of Sec. 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the State Governments are directly empowered to order interception of messages under certain circumstances.

(c) No, Sir.

D.T.C. Routes

1323. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of SURACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of routes presently being run by DTC in Delhi;

(b) the extent of increase/decrease as at present in the number of scheduled trips as compared to those in January, 1988, route-wise;

(c) the reasons for the increase/decrease;

(d) the details of routes of DTC in South Region on which there has been more than 40 per cent, 50 per cent, 60 per cent and 70 per cent reduction in the number of scheduled trips as compared to those in January, 1988;

(e) the reasons therefor and action taken to rectify the same indicating whether any responsibility has been fixed, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to prevent undue reduction in the number of scheduled trips; to check undue missing of trips; to improve the condition of the buses and to purchase more DTC buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) At present, DTC operates 739 city routes. in July, 1991, DTC Operated 42822 trips per day as compared to 41917 trips operated daily in January, 1988.

(d) The details of DTC routes in South Region showing reduction in the number of scheduled trips are given below:—

S'No.	Route	June 88	July, 91	Decrease	Percentage
1.	26	2390	1298	1092	45·6%
2.	54	84	44	40	47·6%
3.	407	4117	2294	1823	44·2%
4.	421	1338	758	580	42·0%
5.	431	1461	470	791	67·8%
6.	510	3342	1003	2339	69·9%
7.	F—2	1240	607	633	51·0%

(e) The following are the main reasons for reduction in the trips operated by DTC:—

(i) There has been no increase in the DTC fleet as the buses being newly added are on replacement account only.'

(ii) Withdrawal of private buses from DTC operating on account of unremunerative fare structure.

(iii) Curtailment of uneconomic trips/routes.

(f) The measures taken include—

(i) Proper maintenance and upkeep of buses.

(ii) Revised preventive maintenance schedules have been introduced, keeping in view technological improvement in vehicle design to achieve better vehicle productivity.

(iii) Strengthening of pollution control measures for greater fuel efficiency.

(iv) Intensified training programme for technical staff.

(v) Quality production of assemblies to improve their assembly life.

(vi) Provision of Rs. 43.25 crores have been provided in the Annual Plan 1991-92 for acquisition of buses on 'replacement account'.

Expenses on deploying of army to law and order problem

1324. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to ask State Government to ban the expenses of deploying the Army whenever necessary to tackle law and order problem in their States and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.